

December 6, 2004

To: Physicians, Health Care Professionals, and Administrators

From: Suzanne Vaughn, Director
Office of Education and Data Management

Subject: Burn Injury Reporting – Health Care Providers

General Statute Sec. 19a-510a requires all attending physicians, administrators of Healthcare Institutions, their designee or any other Healthcare provider, to report the following treated burn injuries:

1. Second or third degree burns to 5% or more of the body
2. Any burn to the upper respiratory tract
3. Laryngeal edema due to the inhalation of superheated air
4. A burn injury that may result in death.

The law requires ***immediate reporting by telephone*** to the Local Fire Marshal in the community where the patient was injured. A ***written report*** must be completed within 48 hours after the patient has been seen. The completed report should be addressed to the Department of Public Safety, Office of Education and Data Management, 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, CT 06457-2389.

A copy of the Burn Injury Report Form that must be used to document the burn injury is enclosed for your convenience. It may be duplicated as needed. The Burn Injury Report form and a list of Fire Marshal phone numbers is available on our web site at www.ct.gov/dps

Compliance with this law gives both local and state fire officials detailed information that can be used to develop burn injury prevention strategies and fire prevention programs. This database is also valuable in supplying timely information for use in arson and child abuse investigations.

If you have any questions, please call JoLynn Van Wart at the Office of Education and Data Management, 860-685-8372.